GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT OF IRON SHEET SCRAPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iron sheet scrap used in the manufacture of I&E used in stabilizers, radios, tape recorders etc. are imported into the country; (

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether the scrap is duty-free and if not, how much custom duty is leviable thereon; (

(c) the reasons for importing the waste of a country into ours; (

(d) whether the consignments provide a ground for evading the duty and other taxes; and (

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to tighten the evasion of duty and taxes on the item?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e): Import of any form of metallic scrap, seconds and defectives, other than those which are of a value below the values specified for any such item by a Notification issued in this behalf, and excluding hazardous, toxic waste, radio-active contaminated waste/scrap containing radio active material is allowed freely without a license. Since the import of certain category of Iron & Steel scrap is free, the usage of such imported material may not be identifiable. Import duty on melting scrap of iron or steel (other than stainless steel or heat resisting steel), for use in, or supply to , a unit for the purpose of melting is 25%. Import duty on re-rollable scrap is 5% and on scrap of stainless steel, for the purpose of melting, is 25%.

Import of scrap is permitted for re-processing and use in the country. However, import of hazardous waste is governed by the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Any consignment of scrap not meeting the criteria defined as per the afore-mentioned Rules is liable for action provided under the Rules and the Environment (Protection) Act.

No case of duty evasion on import of iron sheet scrap used in the manufacture of I &E used in stabilizers, radio, tape-recorder etc. has come to the notice of the Government.